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1. EMBASSY'S USEFUL REPORT REF A MUCH APPRECIATED. WHILE WE NOTE GOI STATEMENT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING SLOWLY, WE REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THESE WILL LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT SHORTLY OF SOME SORT OF PRG REPRESENTATION IN NEW DELHI. WE FEAR THAT SUCH A STEP BY INDIA WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT BOOST IN THE PRG'S INTERNATIONAL STATURE. THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN AT TIME WHEN THE DRV/PRG HAVE SHARPLY STEPPED UP MILITARY ATTACKS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THUS WE BELIEVE AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU SHOULD MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO DISSUADE THE GOI FROM GRANTING ANY STATUS TO THE PRG OR AT LEAST TO HAVE THE GOI DEFER ACTION ON THIS MATTER FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, WITHOUT OF COURSE PUSHING THE INDIANS TOO HARD ON THIS ISSUE AS TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. KISSINGER

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